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the author, in the vein of a thoroughgoing exponent of the "materialistic conception of history," writes the history of the southern states. The division of America into the cotton and the non-cotton states; the political consequences of this division resulting in the tariff issue and eventually the Civil War are traced; the immediate effects of the war, the difficulties of the reconstruction period, and the ultimate industrial awakening of the South are described, all in terms of cotton. The closing chapters contain simple explanations of the processes of cotton manufacturing, the culture of the cotton plant, the different varieties of cotton, and the growing uses of its by-products. Professor Brooks has infused into the prosy subject of cotton a flavor of romance, which will make his book doubly valuable as a text.

The Economic Outlook. By EDWIN CANNAN. London: T. Fisher Unwin, 1912. 8vo, pp. 312. 5s. net.

Professor Cannan has here collected eleven papers that he has struck off on one occasion or another and has put them into permanent form under the above title. With a single exception they deal with problems in economic organization such as the poor laws, pauperism, socialism and municipal ownership, and the application of economic principles to them. The exception referred to is a carefully written paper on Ricardo in parliament. is here set in a most attractive light as one busied with the practical affairs of the kingdom in a large-minded and genuine way. The records show his vote and influence invariably thrown on the side of freedom and enlighten-The author points out in the introduction that this article is in the nature of an addendum to his History of the Theories of Production and Distribution from 1776 to 1884, in which he maintained that with the early nineteenth-century economists "practical aims were paramount and the advancement of the science secondary." It is easily the best thing in the collection. On the whole, however, these papers, written for the most part for special occasions and with regard to some current problem, lack the freshness which they had in the time that called them forth and have not the solid qualities that would make them of really permanent value. They scarcely deserved to be exhumed and put into book form.

Educated Working Women. By CLARA E. COLLET. London: P. S. King & Son, 1912. 8vo, pp. vii+143. 2s. net.

This is a reprint in book form of six well-written essays on the economic position of women workers of the middle classes in England during the last half of the nineteenth century. Census statistics are presented to show the existence, in these classes during that period, of far more women than men. The economic sequel of this unequal distribution of the sexes is pointed out to